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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 2183  
Docket No.: 1614.1103**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Koichi YOSHIMI

Serial No. 09/736,163

Group Art Unit: 2183

Confirmation No. 8082

Filed: December 15, 2000

Examiner: Barry J. O'Brien

For: **BRANCH PREDICTION METHOD, ARITHMETIC AND LOGIC UNIT, AND  
INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS FOR PERFORMING BRANCH  
PREDICTION AT THE TIME OF OCCURRENCE OF A BRANCH INSTRUCTION (as  
amended)**

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 7, 2004, and having a period for response set to expire on July 7, 2004.

A Petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to August 7, 2004, being a Saturday to August 9, 2004.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.

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